

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 51-58 are now pending in the application. Claims 51, 54, 57 and 58 are independent. Claims 42-50 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 51-58 are newly-presented herein.

In the Office Action dated January 27, 2006, Claims 42-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,563,542 (Hatakenaka et al.). Since Claims 42-50 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, that rejection is deemed moot. Newly-presented Claims 51-58 are believed to be patentable over the citations of record.

Hatakenaka et al. describes an electronic camera with a menu switch for displaying a first print mode of printing only image data and a second print mode of superimposing and printing attendant data on the image data. Depending on the selected print mode, attendant data is superimposed and displayed on the image data at the start of display or at all times during display. As described previously, in Hatakenaka et al. after a print switch 17 is first depressed, a print menu is displayed and a user can set print items such as selection of the image the user wishes to be printed. A next print menu display screen can then be displayed and if a user decides to print the image, the print instruction is confirmed in that display screen.

However, Hatakenaka et al. is not believed to disclose or suggest at least causing a display apparatus to display a print setting screen, in accordance with a first designation, and instructing the external printer to print the image displayed by the display apparatus, in response to a designation provided to the designating unit successively to the first designation, as is recited in independent Claims 51, 54, 57 and 58.

Thus, Hatakenaka et al. fails to disclose or suggest important features of the present invention recited in the independent claims.

The remaining citations have been reviewed, but are not believed to be any more relevant than Hatakenaka et al. discussed above.

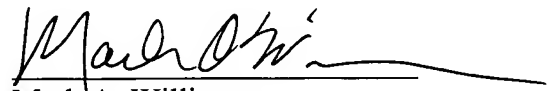
Accordingly, independent Claims 51, 54, 57 and 58 are patentable over the citations of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejection are respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is patentably defined by independent Claims 51, 54, 57 and 58. Dependent Claims 52, 53, 55 and 56 are also allowable, in their own right, for defining features of the present invention in addition to those recited in their respective independent claims. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowability is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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